Mount Vernon First Church of God JEREMIAH STUDY January 26, 2020 – Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 The Deep Healing

The land of Gilead, east of the Jordan, was known for perfumed

The opening verses of Jeremiah describe feelings of...

spices used as a balm for
Jeremiah uses the balm of Gilead as a metaphorical reference as he weeps for his people. He hopes and longs for healing of thei
Jeremiah's words are relevant totoday.
The cure is not found in or
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rawHope for a deep healing balm for deep soul sickness is only found in
John 3:14-15just as Moses in the desert lifted up the brass replica of a snake on a pole for all the people to see and be healed, so the Son of Man is ready to be lifted up, so that those who truly believe in him will not perish but be given eternal life.
The Gospels record Jesus' invitation and admonition to believe in Him, repeated over and over. They also record the echoing

John 20:31 - ...all that is recorded here is so that you will fully believe that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you will experience eternal life by the

response, "Your faith has healed you."

power of his name!

Day 1 - Read: Numbers 21:4-8; John 3:13-21

Ponder in Prayer: Compare and contrast these passages. Consider the symbolism in the first story, and what it reveals about the nature of man and the nature of God.

<u>Dav 2 - Read</u>: John 9:35-39

Ponder in Prayer: Ask God to give you sight, to help you see a troubling situation/relationship with new perspective, or to discover a new truth. Believe in his power to change you.

Day 3 - Read: Isaiah 61

Ponder in Prayer: Reflect on the changes God has made in your heart. What is one evidence of His blessing that you can tell someone about today?

Day 4 - Read: 1 Peter 2:9-10; 21-25

Ponder in Prayer: Search for a relationship in which God can use you to bring healing, or a person you can minister to in love.

<u>Day 5</u> – Read: Psalm 103

Ponder in Prayer: Read this psalm aloud as a prayer, changing to personal pronouns, i.e., "Let all that I am praise You, Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise your holy name. Let all that I am praise You, Lord; may I never forget the good things You do for me. You forgive all my sins and heal all my diseases..."